Having thus, described the invention, what is claimed is:

- 1 An anti-theft device comprising:
- 2 an anti-theft locking mechanism;
- 3 a remote control;
- 4 a receiver that receives a locking release signal transmitted from the remote control;
- 5 a controller that releases locking by the locking mechanism according to the locking
- 6 release signal; and

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- a locking release mechanism that unlocks the locking mechanism by manual
- 8 operation of a dedicated key in a vehicle;
 - the locking release mechanism being normally covered with a cover member of the vehicle .
- 2. An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the cover member includes a cover which covers the locking release mechanism, and can be selectively opened and closed.
 - 3. An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the locking release mechanism is provided with a key cylinder into which the dedicated key can be inserted; and the key cylinder is arranged in a position in which the dedicated key may be inserted therein substantially upwardly from beneath when the key cylinder is viewed from the side.
- 4. An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the cover member comprises a front cowl of the vehicle.
- 5. An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 2, wherein the cover member further includes a latch for normally maintaining the cover in a closed position.

- 1 An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 2, wherein the cover remains 6. 2 connected to the cover member when in an open position of the cover. 1 An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the anti-theft device 7. 2 is operatively associated with a steering handle or a seat of the motorcycle. 8. An anti-theft device in a vehicle according to Claim 2, wherein the locking release 1 2 mechanism is provided with a key cylinder into which the dedicated key can be inserted; and 3 the key cylinder is arranged in a position in which the dedicated key may be 4 inserted therein substantially upwardly from beneath when the key cylinder is viewed from 5 the side. 1 9. A motorcycle comprising: 2 an anti-theft locking mechanism; 3 a remote control; a receiver that receives a locking release signal transmitted from the remote control; 4 5 a controller that releases locking by the locking mechanism according to the locking release signal; and 6 7 a locking release mechanism including a dedicated key that unlocks the locking 8 mechanism by manual operation of the dedicated key; 9 the locking release mechanism being normally covered with a cover member of the motorcycle. 10 10. A motorcycle according to Claim 9, wherein the cover member includes a cover 1 2 which covers the locking release mechanism, and can be manually opened and closed. 1 11. A motorcycle according to Claim 9, wherein the locking release mechanism is
 - provided with a key cylinder into which the dedicated key can be inserted; and
 the key cylinder is arranged in a position in which the dedicated key may be

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- inserted therein substantially upwardly from beneath when the key cylinder is viewed from the side.
- 1 12. A motorcycle according to Claim 9, wherein the cover member comprises a front cowl of the motorcycle.
- 1 13. A motorcycle according to Claim 10, wherein the cover member further includes a 2 latch for normally maintaining the cover in a closed position.
- 1 14. A motorcycle according to Claim 10, wherein the cover remains connected to the cover member when in an open position of the cover.
- 1 15. A motorcycle according to Claim 10, wherein the cover is pivotally connected to the cover member.
- 1 16. A motorcycle according to Claim 9, wherein the anti-theft device is operatively associated with a steering handle or a seat of the motorcycle.
- 1 17. A motorcycle according to Claim 9, including two of the anti-theft devices, which 2 are respectively associated with a steering handle and a seat of the motorcycle.
- 1 18. A motorcycle according to Claim 10, wherein the locking release mechanism is 2 provided with a key cylinder into which the dedicated key can be inserted; and

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the key cylinder is arranged in a position in which the dedicated key may be inserted therein substantially upwardly from beneath when the key cylinder is viewed from the side.